

**Jamestown Charter Township Board  
Regular Meeting**

**Monday, October 21, 2019  
Jamestown Township Hall  
2380 Riley Street, Hudsonville, MI 49426**

**MINUTES**

Supervisor Bergwerff called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer.

**Members Present:** Supervisor Ken Bergwerff, Clerk Candy DeHaan, Treasurer Scott Brouwer, and Trustees Gail Altman, Janet Oskin, Ben Miller and Tim Tacoma.

**Staff Present:** Fire Chief Duane Miedema, Sheriff's Deputy A.J. Rietberg, Attorney Mark Nettleton and Library Director Amber McLain.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Altman, to approve agenda, dated October 17. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Brouwer, seconded by Oskin, to approve Township Board minutes of September 16, 2019. Carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment for Items on this Agenda:** Greg Chanski shared that Jamestown Baptist Church continues to be interested in purchasing a portion of the Township property near Greenly and 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Reports** were shared by Fire Chief Miedema, Treasurer Brouwer, Sheriff's Deputy Rietberg and Library Director McLain.

Moved by Oskin, seconded by Altman to approve the hiring of 3 new firefighters: Jacob DeRooy, Jared DeVries and Bronson Swan. Carried by voice vote.

Library Director McLain shared that circulation, traffic and internet usage numbers continue to increase and that a grant has been approved to obtain mobile hot spots.

There were five (5) September burials in Jamestown cemeteries.

**Items for Discussion and/or Action:**

Moved by Oskin, seconded by Tacoma, to approve the presentation of the bills. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by Oskin, to approve the paying of the bills. Roll call vote: Yeas: Altman, Brouwer, DeHaan, Bergwerff, Oskin, Miller and Tacoma. Opposed: None.

Amanda Murray from Lakeshore Advantage shared Economic Update for Ottawa and Allegan Counties businesses.

Moved by Bergwerff, seconded by Oskin, to open a public hearing for SoundOff Signal's Tax Abatement. Carried by voice vote.

Jon Coe, CFO of SoundOff Signal, shared that their company has enjoyed much growth in recent years and shared update on their two facilities in our Industrial Park. They are expanding their Royal Court Facility.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Altman to close the public hearing for Sound Off Signal's Tax Abatement. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Altman, seconded by DeHaan, to approve an application from Emergency Technology, Inc. dba SoundOff Signal for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Building Improvements in an Existing Facility, Resolution #R19-013. Roll call vote: Yeas: Altman, Brouwer, DeHaan, Bergwerff, Oskin, Miller and Tacoma. Opposed: None.

Moved by Altman, seconded by Oskin, to approve the Riley Crossings 2 Development Contract. Yeas: Altman, Brouwer, DeHaan, Bergwerff, Oskin and Tacoma. Opposed: Miller. The motion carried.

Moved by Oskin, seconded by Altman, to approve Final Plat for Riley Crossings 2 Development. Yeas: Altman, Brouwer, DeHaan, Bergwerff, Oskin and Tacoma. Opposed: Miller. The motion carried.

Moved by Oskin, seconded by DeHaan, to approve Spring Grove Farms Phase 5 – Tentative Preliminary Plat. Yeas: Altman, Brouwer, DeHaan, Bergwerff, Oskin and Tacoma. Opposed: Miller. The motion carried.

Moved by Bergwerff, seconded by Oskin, to approve contribution of \$1000 donation to participation in the lawsuit to appeal the FCC Cable Local Franchise Order. Roll call vote: Yeas: Tacoma, Oskin, Bergwerff, DeHaan, Brouwer and Altman. Opposed: Miller. The motion carried.

Moved by Altman, seconded by DeHaan, to approve Resolution to Authorize Sale of Surplus Township Real Property for \$22,000/acre and not to exceed more than 10 acres for both Jamestown Baptist Church and Jamestown Harbor Church. After discussion, the Board determined that the vote be tabled until next month so that all Board members can obtain and read the land appraisal.

Conversations with Consumers Energy are leading to the potential of adding the Consumer's Energy Property into the proposed Mountain Bike Park. Attorney Nettleton has drafted a memorandum that explains the Township's liability (or lack thereof) with the proposed Mountain Bike Park.

Moved by Bergwerff, seconded by Oskin, to approve an application for grant funding from Michigan Township Participating Plan specific to the purchase of a Gas Monitoring Device for the Water/Sewer Department, Resolution R19-014. Roll call vote: Yeas: Altman, Brouwer, DeHaan, Bergwerff, Oskin, Miller and Tacoma. Opposed: None.

**Item(s) for Information:** Correspondence was received from Ottawa County Road Commission, after speed survey was completed, indicating that there are no plans to adjust the speed limit on Quincy between 24<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenues.

Per Grand Valley Metro Council, they strongly encourage long term asset management monies, specifically for roads, be planned ahead for in annual Townships' budgets.

The Township Employee handbook is on hold until items are worked out with the Fire Department, so that one handbook can cover both Township and Fire Department employees.

A petition to pave 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Adams Street to Ottogan Street was received. The Board had already planned on this road section being our next paving project.

**Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda:** Diane Pater mentioned that the sound system has a loud hum that makes it hard for those seated in the back of the room to hear Board conversation well.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.



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Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

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Ken Bergwerff, Township Supervisor

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